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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed non-U.S. documents are also enclosed.

For the concise statement of relevance of non-English document JPA 3311039, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto, and to English language counterpart U.S. Pat. No. 5,896,143.

For the concise statement of relevance of non-English document JPA 8-511966, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto, and to English language counterparts U.S. Pat. No. 5,894,841 and WO 95/01137.

For the concise statement of relevance of non-English document 3375637, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto, and to English language counterpart U.S. Pat. No. 5,497,763.

Also, for the concise statement of relevance of non-English document 2004-290593, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application, which is electronically viewable:

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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